

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend title on page 1, line 1 as follows.**

**RECORDING MEDIUM HOLDER ~~AND ELECTRONIC CARD SYSTEM~~ HAVING  
ONE OR MORE RECORDING MEDIUMS**

**Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 14 to 17 as follows:**

In order that users can easily see what digital information is stored in a FD, a label, which shows such information as titles and index indicating content of digital information stored in the FD, is attached to an outer surface of the FD. ~~The~~ Thus, users can find ~~out~~ a desired FD by the label attached thereto.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 18 to 21 as follows:**

With the reduced size of ~~the~~ recording mediums, however, the size of labels to be attached thereto has become increasingly small. As a result, such problems have been noted that the label is not large enough to show sufficient information, and that the recording medium is too small to have a label attached thereto.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 23 to 27 as follows:**

While the problem regarding attaching labels on the recording mediums can be solved according to the above listed conventional arts, however, a problem is still noted that it becomes increasingly difficult for the users to find ~~out~~ the desired recording medium as ~~[[a]]~~ the number of recording mediums that each user owns increases.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 3, lines 2 to 5 as follows:**

An object of the present invention is to solve the above noted problem and to provide a recording medium holder and an electronic card system that enable an easy search for a recording medium desired by a user regardless of ~~[[a]]~~ the number of recording mediums that the user owns.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 3, line 21 to page 4, line 2 as follows:**

The present invention also relates to an electronic card system including more than one card and an extracting apparatus that enables the user to check contents of cards without inserting a card into an apparatus and to extract a specific card out of the more than one card. According to conventional arts, it is difficult to find ~~out~~ a desired card from the more than one card when ~~[[a]]~~ the number of cards to be managed increases. For example, it takes time and effort to find ~~out~~ a card having the smallest disk ~~space, space~~ because the user cannot ~~find out~~ determine the disk space without inserting the card into an apparatus such as a personal computer. As explained above, it is difficult to find ~~out~~ a card in which specific data is stored or a card that has more disk space according to the conventional arts. The present invention solves the above problem.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 8 to 15 as follows:**

Specifically, the electronic cards receive data transmitted from the extracting apparatus. Next, the electronic cards send data that the electronic card contains, such as a name of the

electronic card, a disk space, and an owner's name, to the extracting apparatus. Based on rules the user set for extracting, the extracting apparatus specifies one of the electronic cards. Next, the extracting apparatus transmits a card ID and an extracting message to the specified electronic card. Next, the specified electronic card that received the extracting message notifies the user of being extracted by such a function as emitting light, vibrating, and sound output that is provided to the electronic card.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 16 to 21 as follows:**

The present invention further relates to an electronic card system including an electronic card having a re-writable memory function that is capable of being supplied with power without being connected to other apparatuses, and an extracting apparatus having power supply within and being capable of supplying power to the electronic cards. Information about the electronic cards such as the card ID, the title information, and the disk space are displayed in the information displaying unit.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 8 to 10 as follows:**

The device password is for allowing only a user who knows the device password (usually, the owner of the memory card holder) to access the memory card holder. Anyone who does not know the device password is not allowed to use the memory card holder ~~illegally~~ legally.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 20 to 24 as follows:**

The displaying unit 102 includes a dual structured panel made of (i) a liquid crystal panel for indicating information by liquid crystals and (ii) a touch panel mounted on the liquid crystal panel for detecting a touch position. The displaying unit 102 displays, for ~~examples~~ example, a screen 161 and a screen 171 shown in FIG. 4 and FIG.6, both of which are displayed under control of the controlling unit 104.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 12 to 14 as follows:**

The search condition input fields 171k and 171m are the same as the search condition input field 171j, and each ~~including~~ include a search item selecting field, a search keyword input field, and a search method selecting field.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 19 to 20 as follows:**

The above also applies to a case in which the search condition ~~are~~ is selected and entered in each of the search condition input fields 171j-171m.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 6 to 7 as follows:**

The card connecting units 112-115 are the same as the card connecting unit 111, and an explanation is not ~~give~~ given here.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 15, lines 22 to 23 as follows:**

The memory ~~card~~cards 23 and 24 have the same construction as the memory card 21, and the memory card 25 has the same construction as the memory card 22.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 23, line 26 to page 24, line 2 as follows:**

The memory card holder 100b includes a displaying unit 102b and an input unit 101b on the front part, as shown in an outside view in FIG. 16. On a side unit 103b, ~~[[5]]~~ five card connecting units 111b-115b and ~~[[5]]~~ five card connecting units 116b-120b are disposed along a lengthwise direction.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 24, lines 3 to 5 as follows:**

Further, in an area closer to the side unit 103b in the displaying unit 102b, ~~[[5]]~~ five slot icons 121b-125b and ~~[[5]]~~ five slot icons 126b-130b are displayed along the lengthwise direction each in parallel.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 25, lines 12 to 15 as follows:**

The 100 communicating chambers 50c, 50d, ..., 50e, ..., and 50f are separated by partition boards disposed such that a set of ~~[[9]]~~ nine partition boards are equally spaced in parallel and another set of ~~[[9]]~~ nine partition boards are also equally spaced in parallel, orthogonal to the first set of the ~~[[9]]~~ nine partition boards. A space between two adjacent partition boards is about 30 mm.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 36, line 22 to page 37, line 1 as follows:**

The communicating chambers can be parallelograms as shown in FIG. 25(a) formed by a plurality of partition boards that are placed parallel to each other and another plurality of partition boards that are placed parallel to each other and in an angle of  $120^\circ$  to the former plurality of partition boards. The antenna and the LED are placed in the center of each of the communicating chambers formed in this way. Dashed lines in ~~the~~ FIG. 25(a) indicate positions that the partition boards are placed. Note that the angle is not limited to  $120^\circ$  and can be different.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 37, lines 2 to 8 as follows:**

The communicating chambers can be equilateral triangles, as shown in the FIG. 25(b), formed by a first plurality of partition boards that are placed parallel to each other, a second plurality of partition boards that are placed parallel to each other and in an angle of  $120^\circ$  to the first plurality of partition boards, and a third plurality of partition boards that are placed parallel to each other and in an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the first plurality of partition boards. The antenna and the LED are placed in the center of each of the communicating chambers formed in this way. Dashed lines in ~~the~~ FIG. 25(b) indicate positions that the partition boards are placed.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 37, lines 9 to 12 as follows:**

The communicating chambers can also be hexagons, as shown in ~~the~~ FIG. 25(c), formed by a plurality of partition boards that are placed in a honey comb shape. The antenna and the

LED are placed in the center of each of the communicating chambers formed in this way.

Dashed lines in ~~the~~ FIG. 25(c) indicate positions that the partition boards are placed.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 37, lines 17 to 23 as follows:**

As shown in FIG. 26, the extracting apparatus 70 includes ~~[[9]]~~ nine concave parts 711-719 on the upper surface thereof at positions corresponding to each element in a 3×3 matrix. The concave parts 711-719 are each formed in a shape similar to the memory card and are each capable of holding one memory card. The user places the memory card in each of the concave parts. In addition, ~~[[9]]~~ nine LEDs 711a-719a each corresponding to the concave parts 711-719 are disposed on the convex part on the upper surface except for the concave parts of the extracting apparatus 70.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 39, lines 17 to 21 as follows:**

The memory card holder 85 includes ~~[[5]]~~ five card connecting units 851-855 on a side surface thereof. When a memory card is inserted in one of the card connecting units, the memory card and the memory card holder 85 are electrically connected. In the drawing, memory cards 861-862 are inserted in the card connecting units 851-852 and connected respectively. The memory cards are not inserted in the card connecting units 853-855.

**Please amend the paragraph on page 40, lines 9 to 12 as follows:**

The personal computer 90 includes [[5]] five card connecting units 911-915 on a side surface thereof. When the memory card is inserted in one of the card connecting units, the memory card and the personal computer 90 are electrically connected. The personal computer 90 also works as a memory card holding apparatus capable of holding up to [[5]] five memory cards.